

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE NO. 1/15¹DATA STANDARDIZATION
FOR THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY

(Effective 18 May 1976)

Pursuant to Section 102 of the National Security Act of 1947, Executive Order 11905, and National Security Council Intelligence Directives, a policy for data standardization for the Intelligence Community is hereby established.

1. Definitions

a. This directive specifically applies to, but is not necessarily limited to, national and interdepartmental foreign intelligence and foreign intelligence-related information.

b. For the purpose of this directive, the Intelligence Community program for data standardization falls under the Federal "program" type of data standards. Federal "general" standards which have been approved for Federal-wide use are also applicable to the Intelligence Community.²

2. Policy

The policy established hereby is to promote the use of data standards in the exchange of foreign intelligence and foreign intelligence-related information to achieve an optimum level of compatibility among information handling systems in the Intelligence Community.

3. Responsibility

a. The Intelligence Information Handling Committee (IHC)³ will establish methods and procedures for developing and maintaining data standards to be used in the Intelligence Community.

1. This directive supersedes DCID 1/15, effective 14 October 1969.

2. Federal Information Processing Standards Publication 28, "Standardization of Data Elements and Representations," 5 December 1973. US Department of Commerce, National Bureau of Standards.

3. DCID No. 1/4, effective 18 May 1976.

The development of a US Foreign Intelligence Standards Program should:

(1) Be within the framework of the standards program for the Executive Branch of the Government.

(2) Be compatible with the missions, directives, and agreements under which member agencies must operate.

(3) Support, and be supported by, the data standardization programs of member agencies.

b. Consideration should be given to the many functional and economic aspects of establishing, promulgating, and implementing data standards for the Intelligence Community.

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